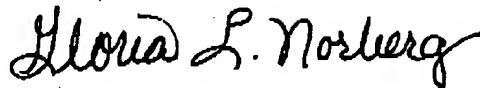


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Applicant's response to the pending communication is the concurrent filing of a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) having the same inventor and same title as the present application. This paper is a request for an extension of time in the present application to ensure copendency with the concurrently filed continuation application.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number if in the examiner has any inquiries regarding this response or the concurrently filed continuation application.

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